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WEATHER

Precipitation was light during the week with only trace amounts falling in the Panhandle. The eastern portion of the State received amounts near a quarter of an inch in the form of 2 to 4 inch snows. The central portion had lesser amounts.

Temperatures were warm and above normal over the Panhandle all week. Readings were above normal the first of the week falling to well below normal by the end of the week over the rest of the State. The coldest readings of the season were over the eastern quarter of the State by week's end.

CROPS

Cold, freezing weather has greatly reduced the amount of field work except for the harvesting of corn.

A limited amount of harvesting occurred last week as farmers are trying to finish up corn harvest which is now over 95% complete. This is about normal for this time of year but ahead of the 85% a year ago. Moisture content of the grain is 19%, the same as last week, but 3 points below last year.

Winter wheat continues to be in good condition. Snow supplied moisture and cover for the wheat.

LIVESTOCK

Livestock are generally in good condition but cool weather has caused some problems for livestock producers. A few reports were received of sickness in calves. Many cattle are still gleaning stalk fields where feed is not covered by snow. Supplemental feeding is becoming more active. Range, pasture, hay, and forage supplies are about average.

GENERAL

The two main activities during the week were finishing corn harvest and getting ready for winter. There were also the ongoing farm chores and care of livestock. Farmers are attending sales, doing some year-end purchasing and Christmas shopping.

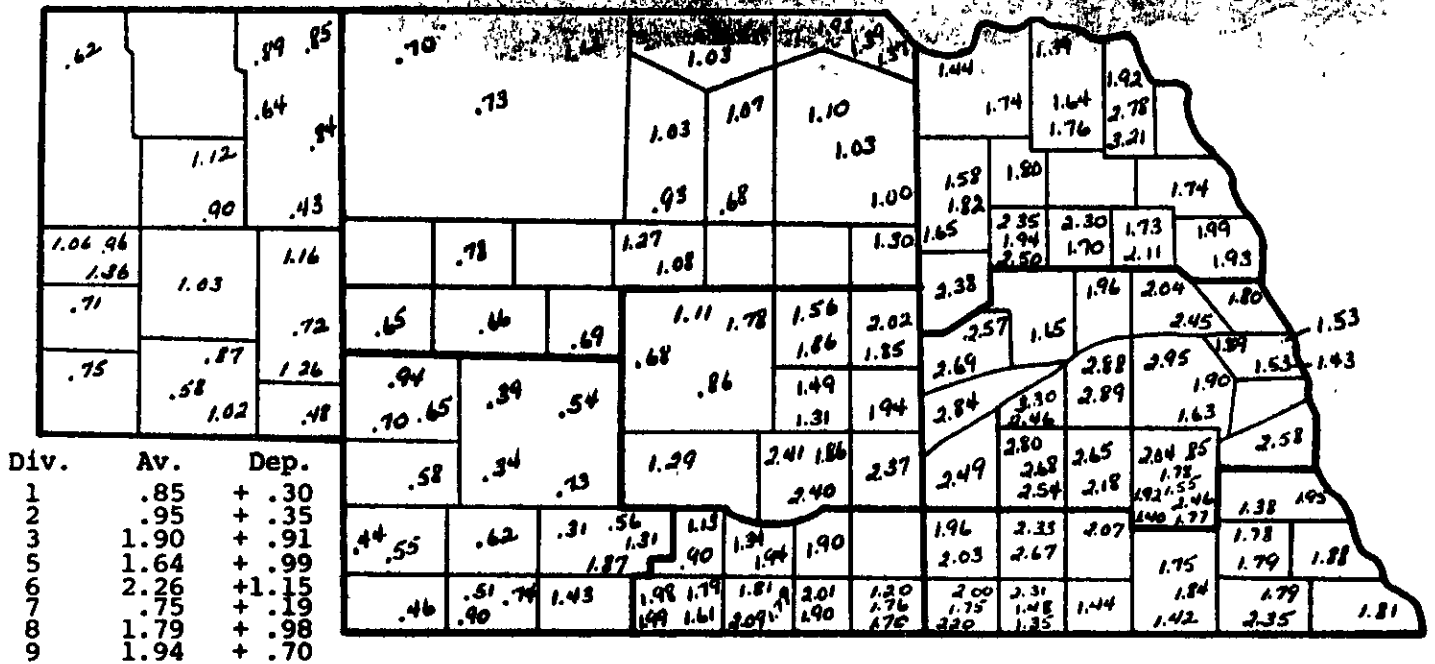
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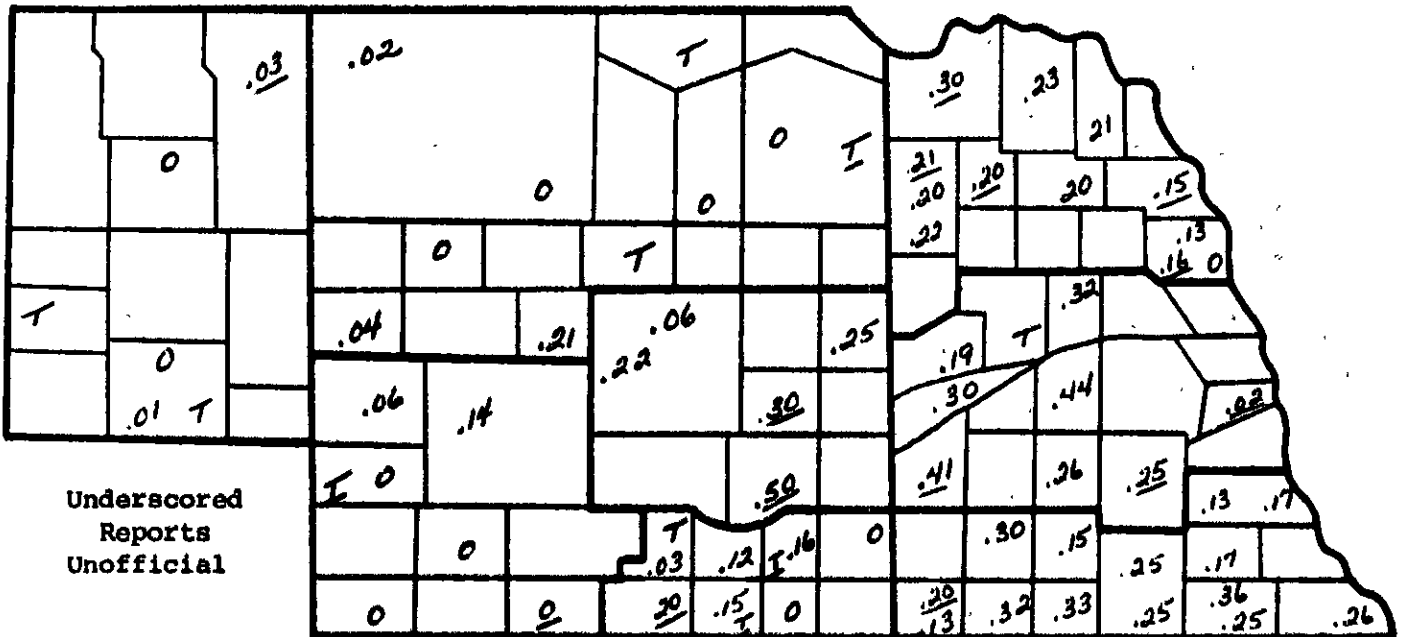
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1973 1/



1/ Courtesy of Conservation and Survey Division, University of Nebraska.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1973



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1973

Station		Temperature			Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure
		Max	Min		
NW	Chadron	58	14	33	--
	Scottsbluff	62	12	37	+8
	Sidney	63	15	36	--
NC	Burwell	--	--	--	--
	Valentine	53	9	26	0
NE	Norfolk	49	-1	22	-4
	Sioux City	43	1	20	-6
CEN	Grand Island	56	-3	25	-3
EC	Lincoln	53	4	24	-4
	Omaha	40	6	26	-1
SW	Imperial	63	14	37	--
	North Platte	60	10	27	-1

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.